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Item No.16

WPA No. 9349 of 2026
Sandhaya Patra
Versus
The State of West Bengal & Ors.

Mrs. Sudipta Biswas ..for the petitioner

Mr. Debasish Chattopadhyay ...for the State

Affidavit of service filed by the petitioner is taken on record.

Heard learned counsels for the parties.

The husband of the petitioner was appointed as the Secretary of 1No. Sautia Gram Panchayat and superannuated on September 30, 2016. He expired on March 05, 2021. Despite completing all pension related formalities within due time the pension payment order was issued by the concerned authority on October 27, 2016. Subsequently there was a revision of the pension and gratuity amount payable to the petitioner under the ROPA Rules, 2019 and revised pension payment order was issued on July 20, 2021. The revised gratuity amount was disbursed in favour of the petitioner on October 12, 2021. The petitioner claims interest on delayed payment of the revised gratuity and arrear pension amount.

Upon consideration of the submission made on behalf of the parties and material on record, the Director of Pension, Provident Fund and Group Insurance,

Government of West Bengal and the Treasury Officer, Kharagpur, being the 3rd and 4th respondents herein, are directed to pay interest to the petitioner @8% per annum on the revised gratuity and arrear pension amount calculated from January 01, 2020 till the date of actual payment of the amount. Such payment be made within two months from the date of communication of this order.

With the above observations and directions this writ petition is disposed of.

There shall, however, be no order as to costs.

Since no affidavit is invited, the allegations contained in the writ petition are deemed not to have been admitted.

Urgent certified website copy of this order, if applied for, be supplied to the parties upon compliance with all requisite formalities.

(Suvra Ghosh,J)